

# Gordon Burns, Undersecretary for Environmental Protection



## Biography

Gordon Burns was appointed Undersecretary for the California Environmental Protection Agency by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in December 2011.

Prior to joining Cal/EPA, from 2009 to 2010, Gordon was an attorney at the Resources Law Group, where he led the firm's climate change, land use, transportation, and renewable energy program. From 2006 to 2010, he served at the California Department of Justice as Deputy Solicitor General, supervising the State's civil cases in the California Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court and its amicus curiae cases. From 1999 to 2006, he was a Deputy Attorney General in the Land Law Section of the Department of Justice. In that role, he represented clients such as the California State Lands Commission, the California Coastal Commission, and the California Department of Fish and Game on a broad range of natural resource matters. During that time, in 2004, he also was awarded a fellowship to study Supreme Court practice at the National Association of Attorneys General in Washington D.C.

Gordon holds a degree in history from the University of California Los Angeles and a law degree from the University of California Hastings College of the Law.